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FROM: SUBJECT: Berli

There is to be a White House meeting late this afternoon to decide what to do about the latest Friedrichstras : border-closing incident. My guess as to probable oction: nothing.

3. I have attached two documents in the Berlin Task Force series which, I think, you will find of interest. (Ir identally, the flow of paper produced by the Task Force is staggering and I have taken it. upon myself not to forward to you 99% of it.) The first, Tab A, presents a current intelligence assessment of Soviet intentions, this being a continuation of the project which Alex launched at our suggestion some time ago. The assessment of Soviet intentions on page 2 is interesting. The second document, Tab B, gives some indication of the direction in which the European Security Study is moving.

Attachments:

(A) Memo re Assessment of Current Soviet Intent ons in the Bertin Crisis: Oct. 17-24 (B) Memo re European Security and Surprise Attack

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Extunhelevie specifically probably act the tone and manner of the Soriet approach to the Berlin problem in the near future. This does not meen, however, that Moscow will refer a from threatening language and gestures when it deem these necessary to has an the convening of negotiations or to improve its negotiating posture.

Barring e quick Swiet wickory ever the Albanians and Chinese, Moreov will be precompled with intre-blot quarrels in the weeks to come. This precompation may divert its ettention away from Eact-West leaves. The Soviets will not relevit in pressing the Berlin issue, but they may be willing to settle for less than they would have before.

Viewed in perspective, the PSI Congress seems likely to produce a shift in Soviet foreign policy in the direction of a more flexible, less alliant approach than has been the case in recent months. Whather this will have any effect on the immediate question of Brilin remains to be seen; there is certainly no suggestion of comprosise on back issues.

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